

BLACKSTONE URGED TO OPPOSE HARRY HOUSTON

BY C. A. BOYCE.

Contests for seats in the next House of Delegates are springing up in many of the counties and cities of the State, indicating that when the body meets next January, a large number of new faces will be in evidence. It is estimated that there are more fights than usual, this being accounted for largely by the fact that the salary has been raised to a point where members may live more comfortably during the session, without having to go outside of the amount paid them by the State in order to defray their expenses.

There is another reason for this unusually large number of aspirants for the lower branch of the General Assembly, it being that the most important held in many years. Already bills of sweeping moment are being suggested, every indication pointing to a season of much activity from the day of meeting until that of adjournment.

Although there are many contests in various sections, only a few nominations have so far been made. Most of the county and city committees have decided to have the vote for the House in their respective districts on August 5, the date on which the State primary will be held. That is, the month from now to-day, the outlook being that from now on there will be great activity on the part of candidates and their friends.

All the State Senators hold over, though there will be one new member of the upper House in the event Judge Mann is nominated for Governor. Friends of Monroe Gravatt, of Nottoway, and Delegate John J. Owen, of Prince Edward, are already quietly at work for them, though nothing of a very definite nature can be done along this line until there is a vacancy.

Senators are organized. It is held by many strong lawyers that the hold-over feature of the Senate having been abolished by the Constitution, the officers elected two years ago may hold over without another election. As a matter of precaution, however, it is likely that the body will go through the form of electing officers at the beginning of the session, indications seeming to favor all those now in.

Senator Edward Echols, of Staunton, is president pro tempore; M. B. Brooker, of Halifax, clerk, and Frank B. Watkins, of Charlotte, sergeant-at-arms.

Richard Evelyn Boyd, of Winchester, is a candidate for re-election for Speaker of the House, though he has not yet been renominated.

Mr. Boyd's friends are confident he will come back to the House, and that he will again be called upon to defend the State. John W. Williams, of Giles, has no opposition for re-election to the position of clerk, nor has any one yet entered the race against Sergeant-at-Arms Johnson, of Rockbridge.

Former Judges May Come. There is a great deal of speculation concerning the personnel of the next House. In some of the districts former members of one branch or the other are running. Over in Greensville and Sussex, Judge J. W. Yarrall served a term in the Senate from his district, which is now represented by Captain Alex R. Hobbs, of Prince George, having likewise been the coun-

ty Judge of Greensville for many years. Judge Yarrall made an unsuccessful race for Congress in the Fourth District several years ago, having been defeated by the then incumbent, Robert G. Southall, of Amelia.

Judge Yarrall made his fight for Congress mainly on the issue of a protective tariff on peanuts, his being one of the two peanut-producing districts of the State.

Another man who has served as State Senator, as well as judge, whose friends are urging him to stand for the House, is former Circuit Judge John W. G. Blackstone, of Accomac. If Judge Blackstone runs, he will make the race in the nomination in the floater district, which is composed of the counties of Accomac and Elizabeth City.

The incumbent is Harry R. Houston, editor of the Hampton Monitor, who, at the last session, presented, by request, the resolutions which resulted in the removal of Judge Blackstone from the bench.

Some Strenuous Battles. There are a great number of hot contests for seats in various sections of the State, which will be watched with consuming interest by the voters. In the district composed of the counties of Lancaster and Richmond, for example, a battle of unusual bitterness is in progress, between former Delegate R. Carter Wellford, of Richmond, and the incumbent, John Curlett, of Lancaster. In this district factional party lines are sharply drawn.

Mr. Curlett is backed by W. McDonald Lee, the leader of the machine forces in the Northern Neck and chairman of the State Commission of Fisheries, while Mr. Wellford is a close political friend of Congressman Wm. A. Jones, who has never been found on the side of the machine in all his long experience in public life. It is predicted that the recent victory of Dr. Frank W. Lewis for Superintendent of Schools in Lancaster and Northumberland will probably have a significant bearing on the House contest, Messrs. Lee and Curlett having put up a strong fight to defeat Dr. Lewis before the board.

Fighting Old Leaders. Major Moses M. Green, of Fauquier, who is known as the Bismarck of the House, has two opponents for re-nomination, though his friends say he will come back in all probability. Another old landmark who has a number of competitors is Dr. R. S. Powell, of Brunswick, widely known in political circles as "Uncle Sam."

There is a pretty fight in Campbell between Judge Frank Nelson and former Delegate Eugene Ould. The incumbent, Howell C. Featherston, the poet laureate of the House, has declined to stand for re-election. In Nelson there is a hot contest on between Captain George W. Whitehead, who is now serving his second term, and Dr. John C. Curlett, who was in the House several years ago.

There will be perhaps as many as a dozen candidates for the five seats from Richmond city, while just across the river in the district comprising the counties of Chesterfield, Powhatan and the city of Manchester, two aspirants are in the field. They are Carter H. Harrison, of Powhatan, and D. L. Toney, of Manchester, both of whom have served two terms in the House.

Numerous other contests of interest are on, which, it is believed, will tend to bring out a much heavier vote than would otherwise be gotten in the various counties and cities of the State on August 5.

News of Manchester

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch.

No. 1102 Hill Street. Joseph H. Middendorf, died at his home, near Forest Hill Park, at 12:05 o'clock yesterday morning, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Middendorf was in the fifty-ninth year of his age, and had been a life-long resident of Richmond. About twenty years ago he retired from mercantile life in Richmond, and moved to his farm in Chesterfield county. He was well and favorably known among the business people of Richmond and Manchester, and at one time did a large business in quarrying and stone contracting, but for several years he had practically retired from all business cares.

He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. Henry H. Nolte; also one brother, Charles Middendorf. Mr. Middendorf was a member of many fraternal organizations, and his many friends will be shocked to hear of his death. Being a very large man, of a pleasing disposition and always ready for innocent pleasures, his friends felt at ease when he was with them.

The funeral will take place from St. Mary's German Catholic Church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, he having been a member of this church since a boy. The interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery. Many of the organizations of which he was a member will attend the funeral.

Mr. Middendorf was a member of Manchester Lodge of Elks, and was

one of the most active members of that lodge. A delegation from Manchester Lodge will attend the funeral.

Many to Enjoy Holiday. To-day will be observed here as a general holiday, and in fact many people left here Saturday for the seashore and country to remain until to-night. Hundreds of people will go to Chesterfield county for picnics and outings this morning.

The educational rally and picnic to be held to-day at Middlethorpe will be largely attended and many Manchester people will attend the meeting.

All of the mercantile houses, the banks, and manufacturing concerns are closed to-day and the holiday will be generally observed.

The post-office will be open this morning from 8 to 11 o'clock and there will be one delivery and collection by carrier.

New Commissioner of Police. The meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners, which is scheduled for to-night, will be shy one member. Alderman J. B. Rudd having retired from the Board of Aldermen causes a vacancy on the Board of Police Commissioners. Mr. Bailey, who was elected to the Board of Aldermen to succeed Mr. Rudd as a member from First Ward, has not as yet been elected a member of the police board. The City Assembly and board will have to meet in joint session for the purpose of electing a commissioner. Should the Assembly elect any old member of the Council to the police board this would cause a vacancy on the Board of Police Commissioners, since every member of the City Council is a member of either the fire or police board. It is more than likely that Mr. Bailey will also be elected to the Board of Police Commissioners.

"Chuck" Carter Arrested. Late Saturday night "Chuck" Carter, colored, was arrested on the charge of assaulting Martha Washington, colored. The case will come before Mayor Maurice this morning.

News Briefs. Mrs. Archie Williamson and little daughters who are now living in Washington, are spending several days with her mother, Mrs. A. A. Williamson, at Fifteenth and McDougall streets.

The children's day exercises held at Cowardin Avenue Christian Church last night were most successful. The program was interesting and the church was crowded to its capacity.

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From Philadelphia Record.

TARIFF BILL MAY PASS THIS WEEK

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transportation and insurance, and in the case of consigned goods a commission, not to exceed 6 per cent, for handling.

Importers who buy their goods outright protested that the commission gave an advantage to concerns which handle consigned goods. The complaint of the importers was weighed by the committee to-day, and the commission was admitted. The amendments agreed upon will go to the purchasing importer a deduction equal to the commission allowed to the consignee, to cover the actual expenses connected with making the purchase.

The Senate committee will also recommend that the drawback feature of the Dingley law be re-enacted. When the tariff bill was reported the committee had struck out the new drawback provision adopted by the House, but nothing was offered in its place. The House provision eliminated the identification clause of the drawback. Though the Senate committee realizes that the drawback provision of the Dingley law has not worked satisfactorily it has not been able to figure out anything on which all members could agree. If the Senate accepts the Dingley provision an effort will be made in conference to harmonize it with the feature adopted by the House.

Sir in Tobacco Trade. Proposed increases in the internal taxes on all forms of manufactured tobacco have brought a veritable hornet's nest about the head of the Senate Committee on Finance. Protests are pouring in and demands for hearings are coming from every section of the country. The committee decided to-day that it would have to hearken to the demand, and although an amendment fixing the rates of increases had been prepared for introduction in the Senate on Tuesday, telegrams have been sent out informing the tobacco manufacturers that they will be heard before a subcommittee at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

Protests, however, including hundreds of independents, say they had no notice of the proposed increase of rates. The Beveridge amendment was introduced several weeks ago, but it had not been taken up by the Finance Committee and was regarded as one of the many "insurgent" propositions and, therefore, not given serious consideration. It was not until last Friday that it became known that an increase in the internal tax on tobacco might be recommended. Effort was begun immediately to learn what force was behind the proposition. Representatives of the tobacco interests said to-day they were surprised to learn that the force is none other than President Taft.

Taft Is Behind. That the tobacco men are right in their conjecture that the President favors an increase in the tobacco taxes seems to be borne out by the fact that Director E. Dana Durand, of the Census Bureau, formerly Assistant Commissioner of Corporations, has been in daily consultation with the members of the subcommittee of the Committee on Finance, who are considering the various tobacco amendments. These meetings took place after a long conference between the President and Mr. Durand.

The investigation through the Bureau of Corporations of all phases of the tobacco question, which resulted in a sensational report dealing with the ability of the tobacco trust to control prices, was conducted by Mr. Durand.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY. Richmond's weather was fair and cool. Thermometer at midnight, 67.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES. (At 8 P. M., Eastern Standard Time.)

Place	Ther. H. T.	Weather
Ashville	68	75
Augusta	82	P. cloudy
Atlanta	84	80
Charlotte	74	78
Charleston	78	84
Cincinnati	86	88
Cleveland	80	84
Jacksonville	80	84
New Orleans	86	86
Raleigh	70	76
Savannah	78	84
Norfolk	70	74
Tampa	80	86
Wilmington	74	82

TIME AND TIDES.
Sun rises, 4:56
Sun sets, 7:33
Moon rises, 9:16
Evening, 6:38

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Durand. He told members of the Finance Committee that the profits of the tobacco trust are inordinate and that the independents are just as able to bear an increased tax.

Members of the Finance Committee were asked to-day whether it was true that President Taft had advocated the advanced tobacco rates. They declined the question for publication, but their demeanor would seem to justify the inference that the administration is back of the proposed increase.

Increase in Revenue. An estimate of the increased revenues that would be produced by the increases in tobacco prices as proposed

by the Beveridge amendment was received by the Senate Finance Committee to-day from the Internal Revenue Commission. If no decrease in consumption is occasioned by the proposed increase, the Beveridge amendment would raise about \$20,000,000 in excess of the amount now collected.

This amount is said to be greater than the administration desires to draw from the tobacco industry, and it is likely, therefore, that the rates proposed by the Beveridge amendment may be lowered, especially the rates on cigars. The tax may then be expected to produce from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 in excess of the present revenues from tobacco.

STAND FOR FREE TRADE

Prominent Men in Address to People of United States Denounce Evils of Protection.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Prominent men from several sections of the country to-day issued an address to the people of the United States denouncing protection, and proclaiming themselves Free Traders. The address follows:

"The apparent acceptance in some degree of the so-called protective policy by the present congressional representatives of both the political parties—the Republicans championing protection with incidental revenue, and the Democrats urging revenue with incidental protection—might beget the impression that our nation contains no men who believe in the absolute and unconditional freedom of trade between the people of the earth.

"The undersigned, proclaiming themselves as Free Traders, contend: (1) That protection erects artificial barriers between nations, preventing that natural and healthful interchange of products which makes for increased comfort, for peace, and for the solidarity of mankind.

"(2) That protection, by reducing the quantity of incoming foreign goods, reduces the buying-power represented by such goods, and consequently subtracts from the demand for merchandise and labor which would inevitably be fostered by the unrestricted freedom of exchange.

"(3) That protection, in addition to lessening the demand for labor, and a consequent reduction of wages, greatly increases the cost of necessities, thus becoming a powerful agent in dragging down the condition of our wage-earning classes.

"(4) That protection has not only become the mother of trusts, but that, by stifling foreign competition, it has granted them a license to prey upon the community.

"That protection encourages extravagance in national expenditures, which, as they are paid by taxes on what the people consume, are in the main extracted from the pockets of the wage-earning and salaried classes.

"(5) That protection, by its methods of tariff-making, has become a powerful agent in dragging down the condition of our wage-earning classes.

"(6) That protection, by the swollen tariff which it heaps up for its beneficiaries, and by the concentrated, selfish class interests which it fosters, becomes so powerful through their ability and readiness to debauch public opinion by the expenditure of money that it can never be dislodged until the great body of our people are brought to realize its wasteful, sinful, anti-social character.

"Concurring in such views, the undersigned call on all fellow-citizens who are in agreement therewith to join them in an effort to consolidate the Free-Trade sentiment of the nation. Such a consolidation will reveal the true economic opinion of at least a portion of our citizens, and will facilitate co-operation with the Free-Traders of other nations which are also suffering from the evils of a protective policy.

"Names and addresses should be forwarded without delay to any of the undersigned:

John Bigelow, 21 Gramercy Park, New York.
Charles Francis Adams, India House, Boston, Mass.
James B. Dillard, 571 Audubon Street, New Orleans, La.
Louis R. Ehrlich, 50 West Seventy-seventh Street, New York.
William Lloyd Garrison, 6 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.
Bolton Hall, 55 Pine Street, New York.
Byron W. Holt, 54 Broad Street, New York.
Tom L. Johnson, 2343 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, O.
David Starr Jordan, Stanford University, California.
George Foster Peabody, 2 Rector Street, New York.
Louis P. Post, Ellsworth Building, Chicago, Ill.
William G. Sumner, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.
Charles D. Williams, 41 Campus Building, Detroit, Mich."

THE WEATHER
Forecast: Virginia—Fair, continued cool Monday. Tuesday—cloudy and slightly warmer; light to moderate north to northeast winds.

North Carolina—Generally fair Monday and Tuesday. Slightly warmer Tuesday in interior; light to moderate northeast winds.

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TOWN GROWS VERY EXCITED

President Attends Service and Takes Automobile Ride With Mrs. Taft.

BEVERLY, MASS., July 4.—President Taft had his first view to-day of the new "Summer White House" overlooking Marblehead Neck and Salem Bay, and was welcomed to the city as a full-fledged resident of Beverly. The Mayor and postmaster called to pay their respects and to make the greeting official. Business buildings and homes were decorated in patriotic splendor, and flags were flying everywhere. Three or four hundred enthusiasts were on hand to give the President a cheer as he stepped from the private car Mayflower, handed Mrs. Taft into the waiting landaulet, and sped away to the cottage.

Later the President attended church in Beverly. Rarely has the town been held in more continuous excitement. Throughout the long afternoon the road leading past the secluded park, where the President's summer home is located, was crowded with sightseers. Two stalwart policemen and half a dozen secret service men were on duty to keep away the more venturesome of the curious.

"There is just one thing I don't like about Beverly," Mr. Taft said to-day, "and that is having to go away to-morrow."

Mrs. Taft Improving. The President came to Beverly at this time to bring Mrs. Taft to the summer home. Mrs. Taft stood the journey remarkably well, and late to-day took a short automobile ride with the President. Mr. Taft believes that the invigorating air of the sea will quickly restore Mrs. Taft to complete health. The President leaves early to-morrow morning for Boston, whence he goes to Norwich, to participate in the celebration of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the town. He then goes to Lake Champlain for the bicentenary celebration there, and will reach Washington late in the afternoon of July 9, to remain until the end of the congressional session. The President would not venture a guess to-day as to the date of the adjournment, but expressed himself as more than pleased at the progress of the Senate during the last few days.

President Delighted. President Taft was delighted with his summer home. The cottage, which is quite palatial in the extent of its accommodation and equipment, is set among towering elms, the view from its wide verandas commanding a splendid sweep of woodland and bay.

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given by Brodie L. Duke and the Durham Merchants' Association. The papers of incorporation have been drawn up, and plans are being laid to begin the work as soon as possible. Enough has been pledged to make a good start. The first step will be the erection of two dormitories to cost \$15,000. It is now thought that when \$100,000 is raised there will follow \$50,000 conditionally.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Maria H. Stover, aged eighty-one years, widow of Rev. Seymour Stover, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stover, at 9 North Ninth Street. She had always been an active worker in the Kenwood Methodist Church. Besides Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Stover has a son, Forrest Robert Stover, of Princeton, Mo. Funeral arrangements were not complete last night.

Mrs. Martha Lou Whiteaker, one of the best known women in Henrico county, died yesterday at her residence near Tono, Mrs. Whiteaker was a Miss Henley, a sister of the late Judge R. L. Henley, of James City county. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Olive Branch Cemetery.

Michael Ryan, an old resident of Richmond, who conducted a tin business here, died yesterday at 219 North Ninth Street. The body is now at the undertaking establishment of Thomas A. Reddin, in Broad Street. Arrangements for the funeral were not complete last night.

Ernest C. Garthright, aged twenty-nine years, died yesterday at the residence of his father, 2209 Grove Avenue. Besides his father, he leaves a wife, two brothers and two sisters. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

James H. Wohlford. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WYTHEVILLE, VA., July 4.—James H. Wohlford died this morning, aged fifty-nine years, after a lingering illness following an operation. He had been for many years the auctioneer and common cryer of Wythe. For several years he had also been the proprietor of Hotel Boyd. He is survived by his widow, one brother, J. J. Wohlford, and three sisters, all residents of Wytheville.

DEATHS

GARTHRIGHT.—Died, at the residence of his father, 2209 Grove Avenue, July 4, 1909, at 4 P. M., EARNEST C. GARTHRIGHT, aged twenty-nine years. Besides his father, he leaves a wife, two brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss. Funeral notice later.

GODSEY.—Died, at his residence, 551-2 North Twenty-fifth Street, July 3, 1909, at 4 P. M., GEORGE GODSEY, aged seventy-three years. Funeral services from Leigh Street Baptist Church, MONDAY, July 5, at 5 P. M. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

MIDDENDORF.—Died, at his residence, near Forest Hill Park, on Sunday, July 4, 1909, at 12:05 A. M., JOSEPH H. MIDDENDORF, aged fifty-nine years. Funeral from St. Mary's German Catholic Church TUESDAY AFTERNOON, July 5, at 4 o'clock.

PERDUE.—Died, July 4, at 6 P. M., at her residence, 6 Orleans Street, MRS. SELITA J. PERDUE, aged sixty-nine years. She leaves one sister, two sons and one daughter. Funeral services at the house, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock.

RYAN.—Died, July 4, 1909, at No. 9 North Ninth Street, MICHAEL RYAN, an old resident of this city. He was formerly in the tin business. His remains are at the undertaking rooms of Thomas A. Reddin, 2307 East Broad Street. Funeral notice later.

SMITH.—Died, July 4, 1909, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the residence of her parents, No. 6 West Cary Street, DOROTHY, daughter of W. R. and Minnie T. Smith, aged three years.

VAUGHAN.—Died, suddenly, at his residence, 512 East Clay Street, at 7 P. M., Sunday, July 4, JAMES V. VAUGHAN. Funeral notice later.

WHITEAKER.—Died, at her residence, Tono, Va., July 4, 1909, MRS. MARTHA LOU WHITEAKER. She was a Miss Henley, sister of the late Judge R. L. Henley, of James City county. The funeral will take place at the Olive Branch Cemetery MONDAY AFTERNOON at 4 o'clock.

FUNERAL NOTICE

BOOTH.—The remains of WALTER TEMPLE BOOTH, who died last Wednesday at Colorado Springs, Col., will reach the city this morning. The funeral services will be held at the family residence, 614 West Grace Street, THIS (Monday) AFTERNOON at 5 o'clock. The interment will be in Hollywood.

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